

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 2112, Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Justice, Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Programs Appropriations Act and Further Continuing Appropriations.

House agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 2112, Department of Agriculture, Commerce, Justice, Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Programs Appropriations Act and Further Continuing Appropriations.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7633–S7784

Measures Introduced: Twenty-two bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1883–1904, and S. Res. 332–333. **Pages S7701–02**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 2012.” (S. Rept. No. 112–95)

Report to accompany S. 1301, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2012 through 2015 for the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, to enhance measures to combat trafficking in persons. (S. Rept. No. 112–96)

H.R. 347, to correct and simplify the drafting of section 1752 (relating to restricted buildings or grounds) of title 18, United States Code, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

H.R. 2076, to amend title 28, United States Code, to clarify the statutory authority for the long-standing practice of the Department of Justice of providing investigatory assistance on request of State and local authorities with respect to certain serious violent crimes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

H.R. 2189, to encourage States to report to the Attorney General certain information regarding the deaths of individuals in the custody of law enforcement agencies.

S. 1793, to amend title 28, United States Code, to clarify the statutory authority for the long-standing practice of the Department of Justice of

providing investigatory assistance on request of State and local authorities with respect to certain serious violent crimes.

S. 1794, to correct and simplify the drafting of section 1752 (relating to restricted buildings or grounds) of title 18, United States Code, with amendments. **Page S7701**

Measures Passed:

Protect the Safety of Judges: Senate passed H.R. 1059, to protect the safety of judges by extending the authority of the Judicial Conference to redact sensitive information contained in their financial disclosure reports, after agreeing to the committee amendment. **Pages S7776–77**

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2056, to instruct the Inspector General of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation to study the impact of insured depository institution failures, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S7777**

Levin Amendment No. 1221, to clarify the types of losses to be studied, to require appearances before Congress. **Page S7777**

America’s Cup Act: Senate passed H.R. 3321, to facilitate the hosting in the United States of the 34th America’s Cup by authorizing certain eligible vessels to participate in activities related to the competition, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S7777–78**

Levin (for Feinstein/Cantwell) Amendment No. 1222, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S7777–78**

American Medical Isotopes Production Act: Senate passed S. 99, to promote the production of molybdenum-99 in the United States for medical isotope production, and to condition and phase out the export of highly enriched uranium for the production of medical isotopes, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Levin (for Bingaman/Murkowski) Amendment No. 1223, to improve the bill. **Pages S7780–82**

American Education Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 332, supporting the goals and ideals of American Education Week. **Page S7782**

United States Former Prisoners of War: Senate agreed to S. Res. 333, welcoming and commending the Government of Japan for extending an official apology to all United States former prisoners of war from the Pacific War and establishing in 2010 a visitation program to Japan for surviving veterans, family members, and descendants. **Pages S7782–83**

Measures Considered:

Department of Defense Authorization Act—Agreement: Senate began consideration of S. 1867, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2012 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

Ayotte Amendment No. 1065, relating to the force structure for strategic airlift aircraft.

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Cardin Amendment No. 1188, to expand the Operation Hero Miles program to include the authority to accept the donation of travel benefits in the form of hotel points or awards for free or reduced-cost accommodations. **Page S7686**

Pending:

Levin/McCain Amendment No. 1092, to bolster the detection and avoidance of counterfeit electronic parts. **Pages S7643–48, S7662**

McConnell (for Kirk) Amendment No. 1084, to require the President to impose sanctions on foreign financial institutions that conduct transactions with the Central Bank of Iran. **Pages S7638–39, S7650–51**

Leahy Amendment No. 1072, to enhance the national defense through empowerment of the National Guard, enhancement of the functions of the National Guard Bureau, and improvement of Federal-State

military coordination in domestic emergency response. **Page S7660**

Paul/Gillibrand Amendment No. 1064, to repeal the Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution of 2002. **Pages S7674, S7675**

Merkley Amendment No. 1174, to express the sense of Congress regarding the expedited transition of responsibility for military and security operations in Afghanistan to the Government of Afghanistan.

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Feinstein Amendment No. 1125, to clarify the applicability of requirements for military custody with respect to detainees. **Page S7685**

Feinstein Amendment No. 1126, to limit the authority of Armed Forces to detain citizens of the United States under section 1031. **Page S7685**

Udall (CO) Amendment No. 1107, to revise the provisions relating to detainee matters. **Page S7685**

Landrieu/Snowe Amendment No. 1115, to reauthorize and improve the SBIR and STTR programs, and for other purposes. **Page S7685**

Franken Amendment No. 1197, to require contractors to make timely payments to subcontractors that are small business concerns. **Page S7685**

Cardin/Mikulski Amendment No. 1073, to prohibit expansion or operation of the District of Columbia National Guard Youth Challenge Program in Anne Arundel County, Maryland. **Pages S7685–86**

Begich Amendment No. 1114, to amend title 10, United States Code, to authorize space-available travel on military aircraft for members of the reserve components, a member or former member of a reserve component who is eligible for retired pay but for age, widows and widowers of retired members, and dependents. **Page S7686**

Begich Amendment No. 1149, to authorize a land conveyance and exchange at Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson, Alaska. **Pages S7686–87**

Shaheen Amendment No. 1120, to exclude cases in which pregnancy is the result of an act of rape or incest from the prohibition on funding of abortions by the Department of Defense. **Page S7687**

Collins Amendment No. 1105, to make permanent the requirement for certifications relating to the transfer of detainees at United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to foreign countries and other foreign entities. **Pages S7688–89**

Collins Amendment No. 1155, to authorize educational assistance under the Armed Forces Health Professions Scholarship program for pursuit of advanced degrees in physical therapy and occupational therapy. **Pages S7688–89**

Collins Amendment No. 1158, to clarify the permanence of the prohibition on transfers of recidivist

detainees at United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to foreign countries and entities.

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Collins/Shahen Amendment No. 1180, relating to man-portable air-defense systems originating from Libya.

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Inhofe Amendment No. 1094, to include the Department of Commerce in contract authority using competitive procedures but excluding particular sources for establishing certain research and development capabilities.

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Inhofe Amendment No. 1095, to express the sense of the Senate on the importance of addressing deficiencies in mental health counseling.

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Inhofe Amendment No. 1096, to express the sense of the Senate on treatment options for members of the Armed Forces and veterans for Traumatic Brain Injury and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.

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Inhofe Amendment No. 1097, to eliminate gaps and redundancies between the over 200 programs within the Department of Defense that address psychological health and traumatic brain injury.

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Inhofe Amendment No. 1098, to require a report on the impact of foreign boycotts on the defense industrial base.

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Inhofe Amendment No. 1099, to express the sense of Congress that the Secretary of Defense should implement the recommendations of the Comptroller General of the United States regarding prevention, abatement, and data collection to address hearing injuries and hearing loss among members of the Armed Forces.

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Inhofe Amendment No. 1100, to extend to products and services from Latvia existing temporary authority to procure certain products and services from countries along a major route of supply to Afghanistan.

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Inhofe Amendment No. 1101, to strike section 156, relating to a transfer of Air Force C–12 aircraft to the Army.

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Inhofe Amendment No. 1102, to require a report on the feasibility of using unmanned aerial systems to perform airborne inspection of navigational aids in foreign airspace.

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Inhofe Amendment No. 1093, to require the detention at United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, of high-value enemy combatants who will be detained long-term.

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Casey Amendment No. 1215, to require a certification on efforts by the Government of Pakistan to implement a strategy to counter improvised explosive devices.

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Casey Amendment No. 1139, to require contractors to notify small business concerns that have been

included in offers relating to contracts let by Federal agencies.

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Casey Amendment No. 1140, to require a report by the Comptroller General on Department of Defense military spouse employment programs.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 9 a.m., on Friday, November 18, 2011.

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Conference Reports:

Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Justice, Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Programs Appropriations Act and Further Continuing Appropriations: By 70 yeas to 30 nays (Vote No. 208), Senate agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 2112, making consolidated appropriations for the Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Justice, Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement, 60 Senators having voted in the affirmative.

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Signing Authority—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that on Thursday, November 17, 2011, Senator Bennet be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions.

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Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to extending the period of production of the Naval Petroleum Reserves for a period of three years from April 5, 2012; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services. (PM–34)

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Gershwin A. Drain, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

Roy Wallace McLeese III, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals for the term of fifteen years.

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Messages from the House:

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Measures Referred:

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Enrolled Bills Presented:

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Executive Communications:

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:**Pages S7704–12****Additional Statements:****Pages S7698–99****Amendments Submitted:****Pages S7712–76****Notices of Intent:****Page S7776****Authorities for Committees to Meet:****Page S7776****Privileges of the Floor:****Page S7776**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today.
(Total—208)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:30 p.m., until 9 a.m. on Friday, November 18, 2011. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7783.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Michael A. Sheehan, of New Jersey, to be Assistant Secretary for Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict, Mark William Lippert, of Ohio, to be Assistant Secretary for Asian and Pacific Security Affairs, who was introduced by Senator Leahy, and Brad Carson, of Oklahoma, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Army, who was introduced by Senator Inhofe, all of the Department of Defense, and Kevin A. Ohlson, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Maurice A. Jones, of Virginia, to be a Deputy Secretary, who was introduced by Senator Warner, and Carol J. Galante, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary, both of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and Thomas Hoenig, to be a Member and Vice Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, who was introduced by Senators McCaskill and Blunt, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NASA HUMAN SPACE EXPLORATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science and Space concluded a hearing to examine NASA's human space exploration, focusing on direction, strategy and progress, after receiving testimony from Charles F. Bolden, Jr., Adminis-

trator, Robert D. Cabana, Director, Kennedy Space Center, Michael L. Coats, Director, Johnson Space Center, and Robert M. Lightfoot, Director, Marshall Space Flight Center, all of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

TOURISM IN AMERICA

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Competitiveness, Innovation, and Export Promotion concluded a hearing to examine tourism in America, focusing on moving our economy forward, after receiving testimony from Ken Hyatt, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Services; David T. Donahue, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Visa Services; James P. Evans, Brand USA, Washington, D.C.; John F. Edman, Explore Minnesota Tourism, St. Paul; Jonathan Zuk, Receptive Services Association of America (RSAA), Lexington, Kentucky; and Jonathan Tisch, Lowes Hotels, New York, New York.

OFFICE OF SURFACE MINING RECLAMATION AND ENFORCEMENT

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Secretary of the Interior's Order No. 3315 to consolidate and establish the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement within the Bureau of Land Management, after receiving testimony from David J. Hayes, Deputy Secretary of the Interior; Bradley C. Lambert, Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy Deputy Director, Big Stone Gap, on behalf of the Interstate Mining Compact Commission; John Corra, Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality Director, Cheyenne; Patrick C. McGinley, West Virginia University College of Law, Morgantown; Katie Sweeney, National Mining Association, Washington, D.C.; and DarAnne Dunning, Western Organization of Resource Councils, Helena, Montana.

SAFE CHEMICALS ACT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a joint hearing with the Subcommittee on Superfund, Toxics and Environmental Health to examine S. 847, to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to ensure that risks from chemicals are adequately understood and managed, after receiving testimony from Ted Sturdevant, Washington State Department of Ecology Director, Lacey; and Charlotte Brody, BlueGreen Alliance, Cal Dooley, American Chemistry Council, Robert A. Matthews, McKenna, Long and Aldridge, on behalf of The Consumer Specialty Products Association (CSPA), and Richard A. Denison, Environmental Defense Fund (EDF), all of Washington, D.C.